

Subject: The Repeated Attacks on Hospitals and Medical Service Providers and Lack of Security in Hospitals

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From:

Greetings,

We send you this letter to express our deep concern regarding information that we received through the Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights concerning the continued attacks on field hospitals and their volunteering doctors, medics, pharmacists, and others, as well as preventing injured protesters from getting access to immediate medical care, targeting ambulances with tear-gas canisters, arresting activists seeking treatment at hospitals and the detention and prosecution of volunteering medics, during clashes that erupted between the protesters and security and army forces since the beginning of the revolution on 25 January 2011 to date.

Through this message we add our voice to that of the Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights in affirming the importance of halting such practices that violate the right to life and the right to health and is in breach of all universally accepted principles governing the provision of medical services. We urge you to take action to prevent the recurrence of such practices and to raise awareness among central security, police and the armed forces on the need to respect medical workers and offer them protection in carrying out their humanitarian role and provide medical treatment to all parties involved in violent clashes.

Please find attached the statement by the Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights

Sincerely,

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